

Appl. No. 10/786,784
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): An acoustic guitar as claimed in claim 8 wherein said recess member is cup-shaped to conform to a specific breast size of an intended user of said guitar.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of making an acoustic guitar comprising the steps of providing an opening through the back of a guitar adjacent its upper edge when held in playing position, forming [[an]]a generally cup-shaped insert shaped to receive a female breast, and mounting said insert in said opening in position to receive the breast of a player when the guitar is held in playing position.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of forming said insert includes customizing said insert to fit the specific breast size of a female instrumentalist.

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Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): In an acoustic guitar having a back and side surfaces, one of said side surfaces having upper and lower right hand bouts when the guitar is held in playing position, the improvement comprising a recess member in the form of a generally cup-shaped indentation shaped to receive the breast of a female player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess member being inserted in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface between said upper right hand bout and said lower right hand bout.

Claim 9 (previously presented): In an acoustic guitar having a back and side surfaces, one of said side surfaces having upper and lower right hand bouts when the guitar is held in playing position, the improvement comprising a recess of a size and shape to receive the breast of a female player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a hole in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position, said hole being located between said upper right hand bout and said lower right hand bout in position to receive the breast of a female player.